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1. AUSTRIAN NOMINEES FOR FIVE-WEEK INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
CONTROL COURSE (REF A) ABOUT WHICH AUSTRIAN HAD ALREADY
COMMUNICATED THEIR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE (REF B), IS
DOCTOR OF LAWS WINFRIED SPERLING (PERSONAL RANK
"OBERFINANZRAT"-SENIOR COUNSELOR), DIRECTOR OF THE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION (CUSTOMS OFFENSES) OF THE
VIENNA CUSTOMS OFFICE (MINISTRY OF FINANCE) FOR THE
PROVINCES OF VIENNA, LOWER AUSTRIA AND BURGENLAND.

HE IS ALSO A LECTURER AT THE AMERICAN FEDERAL CUSTOMS
SCHOOL. HE WAS BORN OCTOBER 22, 1929, IN VIENNA.

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2. IN SUGGESTING SPERLING, WHO IS WELL KNOWN BY

EMBASSY AND CONSIDERED BEST POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR THIS COURSE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIZING MEASURES REGARDING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL PREVENT AUSTRIA FROM SENDING MORE THAN ONE PARTICIPANT. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR RELATIVELY SMALL AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE TO SEND MORE THAN TWO PERSONS IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY POLICY HAS BEEN NOT TO OFFER USG ASSISTANCE

IN MEETING TRAVEL COSTS IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS AND EMBASSY DID NOT BELIEVE IT SHOULD INITIATE OFFER TO FINANCE TRAVEL OF ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS IN THIS INSTANCE. RAHTER, EMBASSY USED OCCASION OF INVITATION TO URGE UPON AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE PRIORITY NCAP OBJECTIVE OF IN-COUNTRY CUSTOMS TRAINING AND RECEIVED ORAL ASSURANCE THAT IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE ARRANGED THIS FALL. SPERLING'S PARTICIPATION IN WASHINGTON COURSE WILL HELP FACILITATE THESE PLANS AND, EMBASSY HOPES, IMPROVE AUSTRIAN CUSTOM'S RECEPTIVITY TO INCREASED COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS FIELD. BUCHANAN

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